



STINGER SPORTS

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JOANN BOURQUE & STÉPHANE HÉON CAPTURE CONCORDIA'S "ATHLETE OF THE YEAR" AWARDS

Joann Bourque, a forward on the women's basketball team and Stéphane Héon, a goalie for the men's hockey squad received top honors tonight at the Eighth Annual Concordia Athletic Awards Night.

Bourque capped a brilliant five year career this year as she led the unsung Concordia Stingers women's basketball team to a third place finish in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union National championships in Winnipeg, earlier this month. Joann scored 35 points and added 15 rebounds en route to being selected to the National Tournament's All-Star team. This season she averaged 14.1 points and 7.9 rebounds a game for the Stingers and became the first female to be named to the Quebec University Athletic Association's All-Star team for four consecutive years. This marks the second time that the former All-Canadian has won the award. Joann graduates with a Recreation degree this June and plans a career in that area. Head coach Mike Hickey describes Bourque as "a player who consistently played up to her potential, a player who we will definitely miss next year."

Héon climaxed a brilliant season with an outstanding performance in the C.I.A.U. National Championships in Moncton two weeks ago. The second year Commerce major was named "Player of the Game" in each of Concordia's three games and a Tournament All-Star as the Stingers downed Toronto 3-1 and tied Moncton 4-4 before losing 6-2 to the Saskatchewan Huskies in the final. Stéphane had a 2.99 goals against average and two shutouts this season as the Stingers continued their domination of the Q.U.A.A.. The former Delson Junior B star was named "Freshman Athlete of the Year" last year. Coach Paul Arsenault believes Stéphane is "the top goalie prospect in University hockey for the pros, as well as the 1989 Olympic team".

Suzanne Flynn, a rookie forward with the Championship Women's Hockey team, was named "Female Freshman Athlete of the Year". The John Abbott graduate scored 18 goals and 27 assists, as the female shooters won their third consecutive Quebec Women's Intercollegiate Hockey League title. The Psychology major scored the winning goal in Concordia's 5-2 playoff win over John Abbott in the league finals.

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Craig Norman, a member of the Concordia men's basketball team was selected as the "Male Freshman Athlete of the Year". The former Junior College All-Canadian averaged 16.7 points and 4.2 rebounds as he helped Concordia to their third consecutive Q.U.A.A. title. The Recreation major displayed his versatility this year, as he played at both the guard and forward positions for Doug Daigneault's cagers.

The "Sportsmanship Award" presented to graduating athletes who displayed the true qualities of sportsmanship, were given to Janet Hylland and John Sliskovic. Hylland is a three year starter on the basketball team, who captained the team the last two years. Sliskovic has been a mainstay on the Concordia hockey team for the past four years, while maintaining an "A" average in Commerce.

Nancy MacTier received the "Women's Athletic Shield" for her outstanding participation, involvement and contribution to the women's athletic program. Nancy was the goaltender for the Field Hockey team before a knee injury forced her to the sidelines. She has served as manager for the Women's Basketball team for the past two years.

Rick Corsi was awarded the "Director of Athletics Shield" for his contribution to the administration of the athletic department. Corsi, manager of the men's hockey team for the past two years, has contributed countless hours in assisting the athletic program.

"Most Valuable Player" awards for teams went to Sheilagh McGovern (women's soccer); Maureen Maloney (women's hockey); Joann Bourque (women's basketball); Tim Heaney (men's Soccer); Offensive players of the year in football Colin Anderson and Mark Simpson, Defensive player of the year Ross Reeves; Steve Letwin (J.V. Hockey); Mike Walker (men's Hockey); Gary McKeigan (men's Basketball); Serge Marcil - CIAU Gold Medalist and Graham Dadswell - CIAU Bronze for Wrestling.